MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: When commandeering is done notices are issued that the boats are commandeered.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know whether this condition that the owners will be liable for the loss has been intimated to the owners?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Boat owners are aware of this fact when the boats are commandeered.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PLILAI: May I know how much money has been realised by Government by such unwarranted action?

PRESIDENT: It is firstly misleading and secondly it does not arise.

Detained vallams.

52 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they know that the vallams seized and detained for shortage of goods have been deteriorating for want of proper care and use; and

(*b*) the number of vallams under such seizure and detention at present?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) No such instance has been brought to notice.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Boats Commandeered.

53 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of boats that were commandeered from the taluk of Shertalai?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It is not possible to give the information as the period for which it is required has not been specified in the question.

Release of boats from commandeering.

54. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of petitions sent from Shertalai taluk for the release of boats from commandeering; and

(*b*) the number of petitions for exemption of boats from commandeering (from Shertalai taluk)?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) and (*b*) It is not possible to furnish information since the period for which it is required is not specified in the question.

Cooly for loading and unloading foodgrains.

55. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they give cooly contract for loading and unloading foodgrains by inviting tenders in open competition; and

(*b*) whether such competition will not ultimately affect the wages of coolies and consequently create confusion among the workers?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No such instances have been reported.

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MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ലോഡിങ്ങിനും അൺലോഡിങ്ങിനുമുള്ള കൂലി കൺട്രാക്റ്റു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് കൂലി കുറയുകയല്ലേ ചെയ്യുന്നത്? കൺട്രാക്റ്റന്മാർ മത്സരിച്ച ലേലത്തിൽ പാടുകൊള്ളുന്നതു നിമിത്തം തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ കൂലി കുറയുകയല്ലേ ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : അല്ല. ലോവസ്റ്റ് ടെൻറർ തരുന്ന കൺട്രാക്റ്റന്മാർക്കു മാത്രമേ ഇതിലേക്കുള്ള കൺട്രാക്റ്റ് കൊടുക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ടു കൂലി കുറക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : കൺട്രാക്റ്റന്മാർ നഷ്ടം സഹിക്കുകയില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു തീർച്ചയാണല്ലോ ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : അതേ.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : അപ്പോൾ കൂലിക്കാരുടെ കൂലി കുറയ്ക്കുക എന്നുള്ളതല്ല ഇതിന്റെ ഫലം.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : അങ്ങനെതന്നെ ആയിരിക്കണമെന്നില്ല.

Price of rice.

56. * M. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average cost price of 100 bags of rice including all expenses when they are unloaded at Cochin ;

(*b*) the loading charge for 100 bags from Cochin to the vallams ;

(*c*) the conveyance charge for 100 bags from Cochin to Alleppey ; and

(*d*) the unloading charge for 100 bags from vallams to godowns in Alleppey ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : (*a*) Rs. 2725-0-0 for 100 bags of two maunds each.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 6-14-0.

(*c*) This will vary according to the means of transport engaged, *viz.*, shuttle steamers, barges and commandeered vallams ;

(*d*) For unloading etc., and stacking 100 bags in the godowns situated :

	Bh. Rs.
(1) Within 1 furlong from the landing place ...	5-14-5
(2) between 1 and 2 furlongs from do. ...	6-12-0
(3) do. 2 and 8 furlongs from do. ...	7- 0-0
(4) do. 8 and 16 furlongs from do. ...	8- 0-0

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